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The annual meeting was held at the Pomeroy Recreation & Rehabilitation Center in San Francisco, and 95 members attended the meeting.

1. Meeting called to order

At 8.05 PM, Camilla Podowski, Chapter President for 2015, opened the 33rd Annual Meeting of SWEA San Francisco by welcoming all members, and by thanking Lisa Carlsson for organizing the event.

2. Approval of the Agenda 2016

Helen Piper moved that the Agenda for the 2016 Annual Meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Birgitta Durrett, and the motion carried.

3. Election of Adjusters of the Minutes

Birgitta Durrett and Lisa Carlsson were nominated as adjusters of the minutes. Gun Landwehr moved that these nominees should be elected and Barbro Johannesson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes of the Annual Meeting for 2015

Inger Skogström moved that the minutes for the Annual Meeting held on January 25, 2015 for the year 2014 be approved. Gunnel Ström seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

5. Annual Report for the Year 2015

Camilla Podowski expressed her appreciation to Lisa Carlsson who had arranged the slide show we watched while gathering for the meeting. The slide show highlighted events and programs throughout 2015.


a. Christmas Fair

Helene Karlsson gave an overview of the results for the Christmas Fair. The fair had over 2,800 paying visitors. The profit from the Christmas Fair and the membership dues are the sources of income for our chapter, and enable us to award generous scholarships and donations throughout the year. The total Christmas Fair resulting profit was $33,500, which is an increase of about 5% from last year.

b. Treasurer’s Financial Report
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Siv Hood expressed her gratitude to Camilla Podowski and Helene Karlsson for assisting her in her first year as Treasurer, and reviewed the reports from 2015. We donated a total of $32,550 to different institutions, which included an additional scholarship of $7,500, which had been earmarked in 2014 as a carryover, when no scholarship had been awarded. We slightly exceeded our donation budget in 2015, but considered this as well worth it.

Our assets as of December 2015 at Schwab of $231,000 have been skillfully placed by Kerstin Eriksson-Splawn. In the beginning of 2015 our portfolio experienced an upswing, which turned downwards at the end of the year and resulted in a net decrease of our investments of $2,000. Still, compared to the market in general, this is a good result. Our total assets as of the end of 2015 was $311,000.

Siv also thanked the Financial Review Committee for their review and approval of the 2015 financial activities. Kerstin Eriksson-Splawn moved that the 2015 financial report for SWEA San Francisco be accepted and that the minutes show that the Board has properly discharged its financial responsibilities and is to be held free of any future liability in that respect. The motion was seconded by Barbro Grön, and the motion carried.

7. Budget 2016
   a. Presentation

Siv Hood presented the proposed budget, which is essentially the same as for 2015. The profit from the Christmas Fair was increased by 5%, and among Expenses, the budget for donations was increased by $1,500, in the hope that we will be receiving additional applications for donations. The expense allocated for the address book for 2015 remains unchanged for 2016, in the hope that we will get it produced some time during the year.

   b. Approval

Jenny Folkesson moved that the 2016 budget for SWEA San Francisco be approved. The motion was seconded by Inger Skogström. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

8. Membership Report for the Year 2015

Anita Benson, made a presentation of the membership for the past year and urged all members to give full information about themselves to enable her to do here statistics, since e.g. 57 of our members have not stated their year of birth! As of the end of 2015, we had 440 members, of which 9 are mail members. During 2015 we signed up 72 new members, and 20 so far this year. Our Chapter started in 1982 with 42 members, and 19 of those original members were present at this year’s annual meeting. Anita then continued her presentation with various humorous statistics of our members’ ages, where they came from in Sweden, common first names, etc.

9. Added Agenda Item to celebrate Lisa Wiborg’s 90th Birthday

Camilla Podowski announced that according to our bylaws, the Chapter Board may elect as an honorary member a woman who has made and/or is making an outstanding contribution to the Chapter or SWEA International. In accordance therewith, the Chapter Board unanimously elected Lisa Wiborg as an Honorary Member of SWEA San Francisco.
Camilla then presented Lisa Wiborg with a framed certificate and a bouquet of flowers, and Lisa very happily expressed her appreciation for the honor bestowed upon her.

10. Recognition of SWEA Members outside the Board

We honored all non-Board members for their contributions and commitments by asking all of them to stand up at the same time, and receive a rose with our sincere appreciation, and a warm applause. The following were honored:

- **Tina Back** – Christmas Fair Committee
- **Erika Badal** – Tjejträffar
- **Ylva Baldwin** – Mamma-grupperna
- **Agneta Bendsjö-Schipper** – Scholarship Committee
- **Anita Benson** – BOST, Fikaträffar, Membership, email announcements, SWEA-Magasinet distribution
- **Annie Danielsson** – Mammaträffar
- **Christina Einstein** – Scholarship Committee, International Literature Scholarship Committee
- **Therese Emami** - Tjejträffar
- **Kerstin Eriksson-Splawn** – Silver Spoon Committee, Financial Review Committee, VAME Treasurer, International Finance Committee
- **Ann Faut** – Silver Spoon Committee, Room Rentals, SWEA-Hjälpen Northern East Bay
- **Åsa Granstrand** – Tjejträffar
- **Birgitta Hallström** – SWEA-Hjälpen Northern Marin
- **Barbro Haves** – SWEA-Hjälpen
- **Ursula Hultqvist** – Nominating Committee, International “Framtids” Committee, SWEA-Hjälpen
- **Erika Jansson** – Tjejträffar
- **Josefin Jansson** - Tjejträffar
- **Barbro Johannesson** – SWEA Library, SWEA Book Club East Bay
- **Gun Johnston** – Hospitality, SWEA-Hjälpen Southern East Bay
- **Camilla Jäderholm** – SWEA Library, SWEA Book Club San Francisco
- **Helene Karlsson** – Christmas Fair Committee, Financial Review Committee, Mamma-grupperna, VAME Finance Committee
- **Louise Ling-Vännerus**– Layout, SWEA Magasinet
- **Cecilia Mases** – Redaktör, SWEA Magasinet, SWEA Art
- **Helena McCombie** – SWEA Art, Tjejträffar
- **Kikki Nordin** – SWEA-Hjälpen South Bay
- **Barbro Osher** – Founder and Honorary Member
- **Tinna Prather Persson** – Christmas Fair Committee, SWEA-Magasinet distribution
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• Andrea Tegstam – Contributor SWEA Magasinet
• Gunnel Tottie – Scholarship Committee
• Siv Richards – Membership ledger
• Britta Rosenthal – Fikaträffar
• Ami Rådström-Ditzel – Nominating Committee
• Annsofi Sabahi – SWEA-Hjälpen Peninsula
• Karin Seeman – BOST
• Inger Skogström – SWEA-Hjälpen Sonoma
• Mona Sloth – Financial Review Committee
• Karin Sterky – Bokkvällar South Bay
• Nina Webber – SWEA-Hjälpen
• Ulla Wikander Reilly – Silver Spoon Committee, BOST, Proof reader
• Sussie Wisen – Mamma-grupperna

11. Recognition of 2015 Board of Directors
Camilla Podowski acknowledged the Board of Directors of 2015 for their commitment and dedication. Aside from Camilla, who served as the President and also on the VAME Regional Meeting Committee, the Christmas Fair Committee, the Silver Spoon Committee and as a WEB-“Moste”, the Board consisted of:

• Birgitta Durrett – Vice President; Christmas Fair Committee
• Siv Hood – Treasurer; Christmas Fair Committee, SWEA-Hjälpen Southern Marin
• Gun Bolin – Secretary; Christmas Fair Committee; SWEA Library
• Lisa Carlsson – Programs; Nominating Committee
• Helene Nilsson – Programs
• Carin Bergman-Hayashida – Programs
• Lena Samzelius – Programs; Contributor SWEA Magasinet, SWEA-Hjälpen San Francisco
• Jenny Folkesson – Programs; WEB-“Moste”
• Camilla Ekenheim – Programs; Mamma-grupperna
• Michaela Björkman Taylor – Programs; Advertisements, Mamma-grupperna
• Anna Hansson-Shea – Programs

Special Thank You’s went to Helene Nilsson and Lena Samzelius, who left the Board after 4 years of service, as well as Carin Bergman-Hayashida and Michaela Björkman Taylor, who left after 2 years of service, and both will continue some of their board activities outside of the Board. Carin will continue the movie nights in the East Bay until further notice, and Michaela will continue to handle advertisements.

12. Presentation of 2016 Board of Directors
Camilla Podowski presented the newly elected Board of Directors, consisting of:
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• Birgitta Durrett, Vice President
• Siv Hood, Treasurer
• Gun Bolin, Secretary
• Lisa Carlsson, Program
• Camilla Ekenheim, Program
• Anna Hansson Shea, Program
• Jenny Folkesson, Program
• Gunilla Andersson, Program
• Helena McCombie, Program
• Susanne Wisén, Program
• Ylva Baldwin, Program

Britt-Marie Ljung moved that the members of the Financial Review Committee for 2016 will be: Kerstin Eriksson-Splawn, Mona Sloth and Helene Karlsson. Barbro Grön seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

14. Election of Nominating Committee for 2016
Motion: Britt-Marie Ljung motioned that the members of the Nominating Committee for 2016 will be: Lisa Carlsson, Ursula Hultqvist and Ami Rådström Ditzel. Karin de Brer seconded, and the motion passed.

15. Planned Programs for 2016
Jenny Folkesson made a short presentation of upcoming programs. There will be a movie in San Francisco on 2/24, an excursion to Ano Nuevo on 2/28, a concert with Roberta Swedien on 3/16, Easter picnic on 3/26, and a presentation by Daniel Mendoza at the Burlingame Women’s Club as well as an excursion to West Point Inn in April. In addition, programs such as additional movies, spring dinner, luncheon for new members, Midsummer celebration, meatball dinner at a homeless shelter and SWEA Professional programs, monthly 11 AM “fika” and 12.30 lunch meetings at our local IKEA stores will be underway in the coming months. Cecilia Mases spoke of SWEA-Art, who basically meets and paints in the South Bay, and stressed that all are welcome, both to their regular get-togethers and to their “Spring Salon” in Tiburon on May 7.

16. Added Agenda Item regarding SWEA-Magasinet
Cecilia Mases, outgoing editor for SWEA-Magasinet, announced her resignation from the post, and expressed how much she had enjoyed this job for so many years. She also thanked Ulla Reilly, Anita Benson, Lena Samzelius, Camilla Podowski and Barbro Osher for their contributions and support. The new editor and designer Louise Ling-Vannerus was introduced (in abstentia), as well as the new vice editor Helen Piper (present).

17. Adjournment of Annual Meeting 2016
After inviting everyone to enjoy “semlor”, Camilla Podowski adjourned the meeting at 9.00 PM.
Respectfully submitted,
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Gun Bolin, Secretary          Camilla Podowski, President

Adjusted and approved by:

Birgitta Durrett          Lisa Carlsson

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